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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 26 September 1957
Room 1121 M Building, Central Intelligence Agency

Meeting convened at 1000 hours.

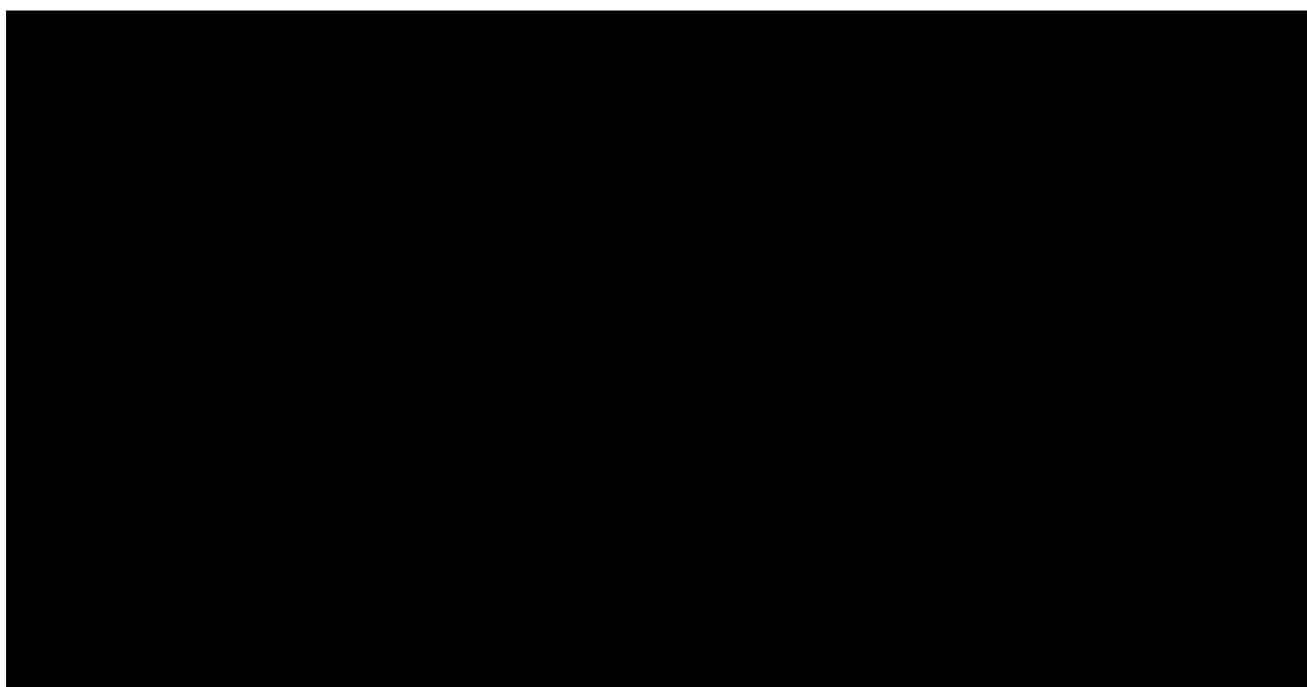
There were present:

Mr. Earl Cox	Army, Chairman
Mr. Frank E. Armbruster	Air Force
Dr. Herbert Ashton	Commerce
Lt. Cmdr. John A. Dugger	Navy
Mr. William F. Farrell	Army
Cmdr. Ross R. Hirshfeld, USN	JCS
Lt. Col. Lowell G. Moore	Army
Dr. Gifford P. Orwen	Air Force
Dr. Gustav Pollaczek	State
Mr. Harold F. Smith	Army
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	CIA, Secretary

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Consideration of the Report Prepared by the TCEG, entitled: "Capability of the Trans-Siberian Railroad," EIC R9S1.

2. Information: Mr. Coxe presented the history of the preparation of this paper and pointed out that the paper had now been reviewed by members of the Subcommittee and that the Subcommittee should now decide what should be done with it. He mentioned that the Secretary had a recommendation to make in this connection. The Secretary commented on the hard work and long hours spent in the production of the paper and stated that, regretfully, it was necessary for him to perpetuate the footnote of objection taken to the sector capability by the CIA Member of the TCEG. He stated that although he was prepared to concur in the through capability estimated by TCEG, the traffic estimates prepared by CIA on two separate sectors of the route were so much higher than the capability estimated by other members of the TCEG that he was forced to have reservations also with respect to the through capability. He proposed, however, that the Subcommittee authorize the TCEG to disseminate its report as a TCEG paper including the dissenting footnote of the CIA member. He proposed further that the Subcommittee submit to the EIC a paper which would in effect be an abstract of the TCEG paper but including only the most important parts of that paper and those parts on which it was possible for the membership to concur. The Air Force member stated that he wished the minutes to reflect his opinion that criteria for selection of intelligence in the case of the apparent limiting portions of the following sectors were so slanted as to enter a bias in the through capability which is probably on the high side:

Novosibirsk - Achinsk
Achinsk - Tayshet
Tarskiy - Skovorodino
Skovorodino - Arkhara
Khabarovsk I - Vladivostok

The State Department member stated that he wished to associate himself with the dissent on the sector capability taken by the CIA member of the TCEG. He urged further that there would be considerable merit if the paper had included an estimate of the capability of the Trans-Siberian railroad available for traffic with China; that is, that portion of the total capability of the railroad after the minimum requirements of the USSR had been supplied. It was pointed out by Mr. Farrell, Chairman of the TCEG, Mr. Armbruster, and Mr. Smith, members of TCEG, that the preparation of an estimate of the minimum requirements of the USSR for traffic on the Trans-Siberian railroad was beyond the joint capability of the group and that it would be impossible to comply with the request of the State Department member. A lengthy discussion then ensued on

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controversial matters exposed during production of the paper that were well-known to the membership. Commander Hirshfeld was joined by Dr. Ashton and Mr. Cox in expressing the appreciation of the community to the TCEG for a job well-done.

3. Action: The Subcommittee decided to authorize the TCEG to disseminate its paper bearing the dissent to the sector capability by CIA and State. It authorized the Secretary to work with Mr. Farrell, Chairman of the TCEG in the preparation of an abstract of the important and agreed portions of the TCEG paper which will be reviewed by the membership and then submitted to the EIC as a recommendation from the Subcommittee.

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